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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
 John L. Shipp et al.  
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 For: INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS  
 FOR USE IN LAPAROSCOPIC  
 SURGERY

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 Examiner: Cary O'Connor

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated August 16, 2004 in the above-identified application.

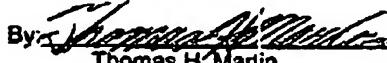
No additional fee is required.  
 Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LORM \$ ENTITY FEE	ADDL FEE DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	84	110	--	LG=\$50 SM=\$25	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	11	15	---	LG=\$200 SM=\$100	\$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$360 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$180
					TOTAL \$ 0

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box on Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.
- A fee in the total amount of \$510.00 to cover the three-month extension of time fee is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1068.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1068. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,  
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